

Missouri Weekly Influenza Report 2004-2005 Season¹

Missouri is reporting "widespread influenza activity" to the CDC for Week 8².

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TABLE 1. Reported Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Sub-type For the Week Ending February 26, 2005 (Week 8)							
Serogroups	roups A A A A B (non-typed) (H3N2) (H1N1) B		В	A or B Untyped (rapid test)	Total		
Week 8	521	0	0	41	268	830	
Season-to-Date*	2,904	28	0	227	1,421	4,580	

^{*}The influenza season begins Week 40 (week ending October 9, 2004) and ends Week 20 (week ending May 21, 2005).

TABLE 2. Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness For the Week Ending February 26, 2005 (Week 8)								
Health Region	Central	Eastern	NW	SE	SW	Current Week Total	Season -to- Date 04-05	Season -to - Date 03-04
School Closings	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	16
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	12
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Season-to-Date by Region	4	3	0	4	2			

TABLE 3. Deaths Involving Pneumonia and/or Influenza (P&I) Reported During the Week Ending February 19, 2005 (Week 7)						
Week 7	Season-to-Date	Week 7 Last Season	5 Year Weekly Median			
119	1,584	196	144			

Beginning in week 35 of 2003, the number of P & I deaths includes both contributing and underlying cause of death. Prior to that time only deaths for which pneumonia and/or influenza was listed on the death certificate as the underlying cause were counted as P & I deaths. The five-year median has been recomputed using the new method for reporting P & I deaths.

.TABLE 4. U.S. Influenza Sentinel Provider Surveillance Network (US ISPSN) Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for the Week Ending February 19, 2005 (Week 7)							
Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age 65+	Total ILI Patients Seen	Total Patients Seen	Percent ILI	
43	68	44	9	164	4,274	3.83%*	

^{*}This is above the national baseline of 2.5%.

TABLE 5. Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing For the Week Ending February 26, 2005 (Week 8)								
	Positive Specimens							
	Influenza	Para- influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno- virus	Rhino- virus	Entero- virus	Total Number Specimens Submitted	
Week 8	21	0	0	0	0	0	26	
Season-to-Date	69	0	1	8	2	1	179	

Antigenic Characterization of Missouri Influenza Isolates submitted to CDC by the State Public Health Laboratory

CDC antigenically characterizes a sample of positive Missouri influenza isolates, submitted through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL). DHSS has submitted twenty-two influenza isolates this season to CDC for antigenic characterization.

Results Received from CDC:

CDC has antigenically characterized six of the isolates as Influenza A/Korea/770/2002-like (H3N2) viruses. The Influenza A/Korea/770/2002-like (H3N2) virus is similar to the A/Fujian/411/2002 reference virus recommended as the H3 component of the 2004-05 vaccine.

Data Sources: Laboratory-confirmed cases are reported to DHSS through the passive communicable disease surveillance system. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

Find Us on the Web

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Influenza/index.html.

National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm.

¹All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.

Influenza activity codes are reported to CDC each Monday.







